Neighborhood Admiral Implementor KC/Metro Matrix 2.15

Activity Work with Metro to improve bus service from the water taxi.

2.15: 1 of 1 Sub-Activity Work with Metro to improve bus service from the water taxi to California Avenue SW and the Admiral Residential Urban Village.

Sub-Act Comment(s)

2004 Priority Summary: The Elliott Bay Water Taxi sailing season began on May 1, 2004 and concluded on October 1, 2004. For the second straight year, the Water Taxi bus shuttle did not serve the Admiral neighborhood. King County Councilmember Dow Constantine will insure that the Admiral neighborhood is considered as part of the bus shuttle route should the Water Taxi be re-funded in 2005.

"We have confirmed that the Water Taxi to West Seattle has been funded for 2004. Metro has indicated its willingness to consider changes to its current bus service in West Seattle in order to connect Water Taxi riders with California Avenue SW and the Admiral Residential Urban Village. We would like SDOT to join these discussions because the City Traffic Engineer has technical purview over bus stop locations." Admiral Planning Committee, NPP documentation

Target Completion2004/0Estimated CostN/AStatusCompletedLead Agency/ContactKC/Metro; No Lead Contact AssignedPriorityTop

Implementor Community - Stewardship Organization

Matrix 1.29

Activity

Adopt guidelines for the design of public elements. These could include:

- Light standards.Outdoor benches.
- Paving treatments.
- Directional signage and other public amenities.

<u>1.29: 1 of 1</u> Sub-Activity

Work with City to ensure that public amenities adhere to the public design standards of the Admiral Streetscape Plan and the recently installed (2004) street furnishings.

Sub-Act Comment(s)

John Dodd provided an update in July 05, which included much work that has been done in this area related to public amenities. That work included: Street trees on the south side of Admiral Street (Anthony Matlock, SPU, 386-9746), the installation of benches, the installation of a traffic light, the relocation of a bus stop on 41st Ave. SW and SW Admiral Way, and the installation of pedestrian lights on SW Admiral Way westbound. Another key contact for this project is Mark Sindell, GTLO Architects, 206-902-5672. A question remains surrounding conditions that the neighborhood may need to meet in this area with respect to parking and a pedestrian overlay. Lish Whitson from DPD, 206-233-0079, is the primary contact person for that as it moves forward.

2004 Priority Summary: The Admiral Planning Coalition (APC) has taken the lead in developing the Admiral Streetscape Plan and installing initial street landscaping and furnishings in cooperation with the Dept. of Neighborhoods (DON), Seattle Dept. of Transportation (SDOT) landscape staff, Seattle City Light (SCL) street light staff, Parks staff working on improvements around Hiawatha Park, and funding from Seattle Public Utilities. DON will work with the community and other City departments to ensure that future streetscape amenities conform with the standards set in this community-led process. SCL's pedestrian street light program has been discontinued due to a court ruling, so funding for future pedestrian light installations is uncertain.

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There are no requirements for public amenities to meet certain standards, since each district is unique and improvements must be designed individually. For outdoor furniture, development of standards would be very time intensive and not a good use of staff or consultant time, since there are a broad range of choices and costs. For street lighting, City Light has a limited set of options that they will maintain, to allow more cost effective maintenance of fewer fixture types. These options have already been extensively analyzed. DPD is willing to have a discussion with the neighborhood on their concerns about this issue to see if there is another approach that can be taken here. [John Rahaim, DPD]

Split out the vague, "Adopt guidelines for the design of public elements" into two separate Sub-Activities; the first says that Guidelines were adopted in 2002 and the second specifies for the community to take the lead on implementing any additional guideline changes.

Neighborhood Specific Guidelines were adopted for the Admiral Community in 2002. It is not known to what Uohn Rahaim extent anyone has engaged the community in further developing guidelines for public elements in the ROW. 03/03/04 DPD is not currently engaged in such an effort.

John Rahaim

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The Admiral Planning Coalition recently installed benches and waste receptacles in the business core, and would like to ensure that future public amenities adhere to the same design standards." Admiral Planning Committee, NPP documentation

Target CompletionEstimated CostN/AStatusIn-ProgressLead Agency/ContactCommunity - Stewardship Organization; John Dodd, 935-5925PrioritySecond

Implementor Transportation

Matrix

1.19

Activity

Provide for more pedestrian amenities in the Core Commercial Area. The following were noted as desired pedestrian amenities in the Core Commercial Area.

- 1. Improved bus shelter aesthetics.
- 2. Sidewalk tree grates.
- 3. Pedestrian scaled lighting fixtures.
- 4. Better security lighting around public amenities, like bus stops and the library.
- 5. Attractive trash receptacles with an adequate collection schedule.
- 6. Attractive bike racks.
- 7. Banners and flower baskets on street light and utility poles.
- 8. Better signage for public amenities like the Community Center.
- 9. Improve the pedestrian experience on the east side of California Avenue SW along Hiawatha Park.
- 10. Aesthetically pleasing public phone stations.
- 11. Aesthetically pleasing sidewalk newspaper dispensers.
- 12. Mid-block pedestrian crosswalks. Especially across California Avenue in front of the Admiral Theater. (See 2.12)
- 13. Improved intersections and crosswalks:
- A. Provide handicap curb cuts at all intersections and crosswalks.
- B. Higher visibility cross walks. A top priority for the community is the intersection of California Avenue SW and SW Admiral Way.
- Providing a different paving texture than the adjacent roadway.
- Providing lighting in the paving.
- C. Enhance intersections for the visually impaired with audible signals.
- D. Provide aesthetically pleasing traffic and pedestrian signals.

E. Provide more responsive switches for pedestrians to change the traffic light to enable them to cross the street. This could include 'human sensors' in the sidewalk and paving. 14. Benches.

1.19: 1 of 1 **Sub-Activity**

Install pedestrian crossing midblock along California north of Admiral (between the Admiral theater and the West Seattle branch of the Seattle Public Library).

Sub-Act Comment(s)

SDOT conducted pedestrian counts and vehicle counts at the midblock location on California Ave SW north of SW Admiral Way. They showed that traffic in the southbound left turn lane frequently traveled and queued through the area where the marked crosswalk was requested. In an attempt to solve this problem, signal engineers analyzed the signal to determine if the timing could be adjusted to reduce the gueue in the left turn lane, thereby eliminating motor vehicle traffic in the area where the marked crosswalk was requested. Unfortunately, since they were not able to accomplish this, SDOT does not recommend the installation of a midblock crosswalk at this location.

Jason Wachs 10/26/05

SDOT also found that pedestrian volumes were in direct conjunction to films starting and ending. There were not consistent high volumes. However, in this case, the over riding safety concern caused by motor vehicles driving in the center turn lane in the vicinity of the marked crosswalk means that pedestrian volumes are not a factor in making our decision not to install a marked crosswalk at this location.

John Dodd reported that the community remains interested in installing this crossing.

Jason Wachs 07/29/05

2004 Priority Summary: A pedestrian activated traffic signal was recently installed by the Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) at 41st & Admiral Way in front of the Starbucks coffee shop. The West Seattle Branch Library re-opened on April 3, 2004, after 15 months of renovation work. At the recommendation of the Admiral Planning Coalition (APC), SDOT also evaluated the feasibility of installing a mid-block pedestrian crossing between the Admiral Theater, the Library and adjacent businesses. Because of the number of southbound vehicles queuing in the center turn lane at the proposed location, SDOT does not recommend marking a crosswalk. SDOT is available to evaluate other potential crossings as they are identified by the community. This can be initiated by contacting the Pedestrian Program.

Dena Gazin 11/15/04

Old Summary: A pedestrian activated traffic signal was recently installed at 41st & Admiral Way in front of the Starbucks coffee shop. The West Seattle Branch Library re-opened on April 3, 2004, after 15 months of 05/07/04 renovation work. The Seattle Department of Transportation (SDOT) will evaluate the feasibility of installing a mid-block pedestrian crossing in between the Admiral Theater, the Library and adjacent businesses, once the Admiral Planning Coalition (ADC) deems that pedestrian travel levels and patterns have returned to previous levels. The APC will also ask that S-DOT review other potential pedestrian crossings as part of the mid-block crossing evaluation.

One mid-block crossing should be resolved this summer.

Eric Tweit 04/06/04

Stan Lock

Consistent with ANP matrix item 2.12 (Admiral Theater pedestrian crossing) Admiral Planning Committee, NPP documentation

Dena Gazin 12/18/03

Target Completion 2004/3 Estimated Cost N/A **Status** Closed Lead Agency/Contact Transportation; Megan Hoyt, 684-5124 **Priority** Third

ImplementorSPUMatrix4.21ActivityDevelopment

Develop with businesses an anti-litter and anti-graffiti program.

- Work with the Seattle Public Utilities "Graffiti & Litter" Matching Fund Program.

4.21: 1 of 1 Sub-Activity Work with Admiral stewardship groups and businesses to develop an anti-litter and anti-graffiti program

Sub-Act Comment(s) John Dodd, Chair of the Admiral Planning Coalition, reported that the businesses in the area are working on changing cans more regularly, but the effort is not organized. He also reported that graffiti is not necessarily a problem there currently, but these and future efforts are intended to prevent it from growing.

2004 Priority Summary: SPU's Community Services Division has existing programs to address these Nancy Ahern issues; Neighborhood simply needs to contact Tom Gannon (Adopt-A-Street Manager) to get the process 03/02/04

"With the recent streetscape improvements and installation of benches and waste receptacles in the business core, now is the opportune time to launch a clean-streets program for businesses to assume 12/18/03 greater ownership and pride in the appearance of the area." Admiral Planning Committee, NPP documentation

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Over the past two years the Adopt-A-Street Program has not been very successful in recruiting anyone to adopt California Ave SW between Dawson and College SW. Many outreach attempts have been made to schools and community councils but no committed adopters currently.

Target Completion2004/0Estimated CostN/AStatusOn-GoingLead Agency/ContactSPU; Tom Gannon, 684-8565PriorityFourth